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DDI TALKING POINTS

Iran-Iraq: Current Situation

The first phase of Iran's offensive on the Doveyrij River front was a total failure. [REDACTED]

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-- The offensive began on the night of 6 February with an Iranian attack on the southern portion of the Iraqi lines east of Al Amarah. [REDACTED]

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-- On 9 February, Revolutionary Guards with limited regular infantry and armored support penetrated five kilometers behind the Iraqi lines. A subsequent Iraqi counterattack cutoff and surrounded the Iranians.

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-- As of 14 February the Iraqis still hold their original front lines east of Al Amarah. [REDACTED]

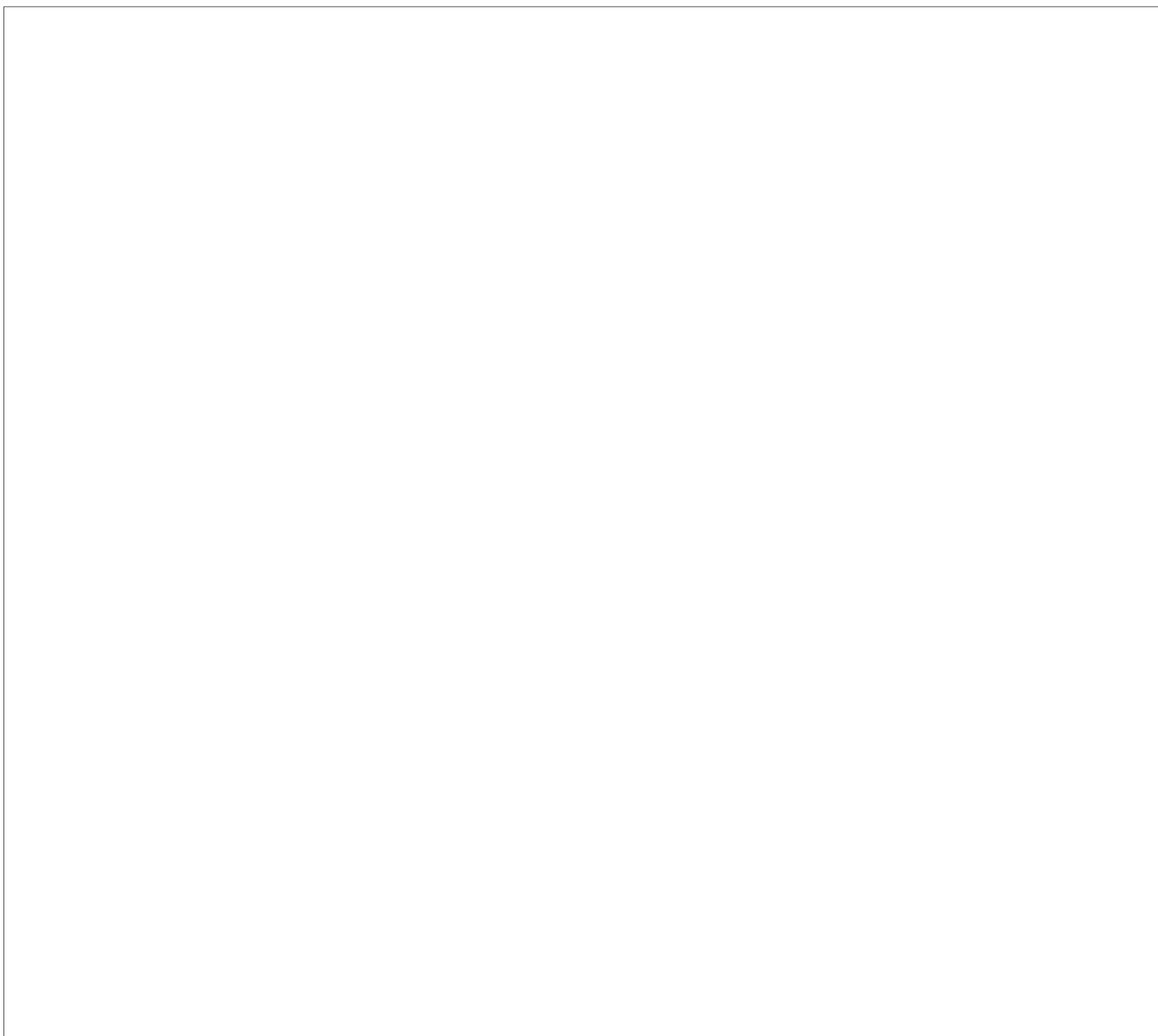
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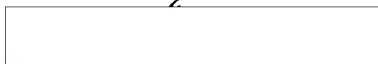
Apart from improvements in Iraqi intelligence and combat performance, the Iranian defeat stems from a number of factors:



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-- Inadequate intelligence on Iraqi tactical dispositions.

-- Poor coordination between regular and irregular units.



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-- Severe material shortages that have caused sharp
reductions in support from artillery and attack
helicopters. Iranian fighter-bombers were not used for
ground attack missions.

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In his Friday prayer session, Khamenei
took a typically hard line, reemphasizing Iran's
commitment to deal the Iraqis " final blow." He also
said that the "punishment of the aggressor is more
important to us than regaining" territories occupied by
Iraq, possibly leading to a misinterpretation of Iran's
position by diplomats in Tehran.

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Iran-Iraq War: Military Forces

OVERALL

	<u>Iraq</u>	<u>Iran</u>
Army		
regular troops	400,000	200,000
irregular troops	300,000	300,000
tanks	3,000	900
APCs	2,900	900
artillery	1,400	775
Air Force		
personnel	17,000	50,000
operational fighter aircraft	250	70
Air Defense		
personnel	20,000	20,000
operational SAM launchers (excluding SA-7s)	350	40
Navy		
personnel	5,000	15,000
destroyers	0	3
frigates	0	4
missile boats	10	11

Forces on the Doveyrij River Front

	<u>Iraq</u>	<u>Iran</u>
Regular divisions	6	3
Personnel	120,000	150,000
Armored vehicles	1,000	550
Artillery	375	140

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